

# Federal Agency Compliance with Energy-Efficient Procurement Regulations



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# Background- EPAct 2005

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- Requires agencies to procure Energy Star-qualified or FEMP-designated products.
  - Combat-related products are excluded
  - Exemptions:
    - No compliant product is life-cycle cost-effective, or
    - No compliant product is reasonably available that meets the requirements of the agency
    - Must be justified in writing by head of agency.
- Directs GSA and DLA to supply only qualified products in covered categories.

# Summary of 2008 Compliance Review



## ■ Methods:

- Review of solicitations on FedBizOpps;
- Interviews with procurement personnel & vendors;
- Review of federal supply agency product listings.

## ■ Results:

- 12 compliant solicitations out of 164;
- 2 out of 25 procurement officials interviewed were fully aware of EE procurement requirements;
- No compliant models listed in most covered categories:
  - 65% for GSA
  - 80% for DLA



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# 2010 Compliance Review

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- Objective: To understand barriers to agency compliance
- Focus on higher-volume agencies, and construction and service contracts;
- Search for effective contract language that will assure compliance;
- In-depth examination of agency procurement processes.



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# What does it take to Comply?

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- Agency guidelines?
- Training?
- Product info?
- Federal supply sources?
- Vendor involvement?
- Contract language?
- Verification of actual purchasing?
- Other?

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